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Hongkong, 10th July, 1876.
HONORARY SECRETARY.
WATOW, AMOY, AND FOOSHOW.
 Steamship:
 "YERSO."
 Puncture will be despatched for the
 ports on **SATURDAY**, the 15th inst., at
 freight or passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAKE & Co.
 Hongkong, 13th July, 1876.
FOR SHANGHAI.
 Steamship
 "EGERIA"

light or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN

Hongkong, 13th July, 1876.
FOR BANGKOK
 German Steamship
"FERONIA"
 despatched as above on or about the
 1st.
 Freight or Passage, apply to
WM. PUEBTAU & Co.,
 Agents Steamship *Feronia*.
 Hongkong, 13th July, 1876.

"CONSOLATION."

Barley, shortly expected from the
will be despatched as above on or about
of instant.

Freight, apply to

BIRLEY & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th July, 1878.

NOTICE

Is Estate of the late **JOHN GILES,**
Storekeeper, A'moy.

CLAIMS against the above Estate
must be sent in to the Underigned on
or before the 30th September, after which will not
be considered, and all Persons indebted to the
are requested to pay the Amounts due
the same period.

(Signed)

NICHOLAS,
HENRY SUTTON,
A'moy, 16th June, 1878.

(Administrators to
the will of the late
JOHN GILES.)

Notices to Consignees,

claus are hereby notified
being discharged into Ob

at the Godown as of the Undesignated; in
case it will be at Consignee's risk. The
will be ready for delivery from Godown
after the 18th July, 1876.
is undelivered after the 20th July, 1876,
subject to Rent.
UTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 12th July, 1876.

SHIP EGERIA, FROM HAMBURG,
PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

SIGNERS of Goods by the above
steamer are hereby notified that their

remaining in store after
will be subject to rent.

small Cargo will be forwarded on unless
 for by the Consignees before 11 A.M.
 of Y. the 12th instant.
 of Lading will be countersigned by
 SIEMSEN & Co.,
 Agents.
 094 Hongkong, 12th July, 1878.
 STEAMSHIP HOOGLY.
 COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
 MARITIMES.
 NOTICE.
 DISIGNEDS of Cargo per Steamship
 Hoogly, from London, in connection
 the above Steamer, are hereby informed
 its Goods are being loaded and stored at

12th inst., at 10 A.M.
 Cargo will be forwarded—

tion is received from the Consignees be-
 fore 10-DAY, requesting it to be landed
 and of Lading will be countersigned by the
 signed.
 is remaining unclaimed after TUES-
 day the 18th instant, at Noon, will be subject
 and landing charges.
 Fire Insurance and other charges.
 G. DE CHAMPAUX,
 Acting Agent.
 Hongkong, 11th July, 1878.
NOTICE.
THE BRITISH BARQUE JOHN C.
MUNEO, FROM LONDON.
 DISSIGNERS of Cargo by the above-
 named Vessel are requested to send in

impeding the discharge of the

landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,
Agents.

068 Hongkong, 7th July, 1876.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

British Steamship Arrivals. Agents having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees are hereby informed that the Consignees will be landed by and into the Steamer.

remaining in store after the

signees of Opium are requested to take
from the Boats alongside the Ice House
Wharf, otherwise the Drug will be stored
Undersigned at Consignees' risk, unpro-
by Fire Insurance.
of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID BARSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hankow, 4th July 1876

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HONGKONG, JULY 18th, 1876.

In no country, perhaps, has the advance of real knowledge acted more powerfully in a few short years to dispel illusions and superstitions than in Japan. The Buddhist priests, who formerly possessed almost unlimited power over the people, have been shorn of the substance and now only retain the mere shadow of the influence they once held. Under the ancient regime the priesthood wielded vast power, and the people unreservedly rendered them homage and made them large offerings. The spread of knowledge has gone far to reverse all this, and the action of the Government lately has still further tended to rob the priests of their old importance. Very recently the heads of the Buddhist and Shinto sects were summoned to the Tokio Palace, and told that they were not to interfere with the spread of knowledge, but to devote themselves to the study of the scriptures, and to the improvement of the people. This is, of course, a commendable view of the position, for it is very certain that incense-burners and superstition to their detriment are not likely to work the cure if other means be neglected. Christians never leave the cure to be effected by interposition with the Almighty, for they have a well-founded belief that Providence intended them to use the remedies which have been discovered. Pagan and semi-civilized nations, on the other hand, frequently, in the absence of any sufficient knowledge of medicine, leave the cure to be worked by Nature, musing, the while, frantic appeals to their gods to hasten the cure. The action of the Japanese Government plainly betrays a loss of faith in the religion of Buddha. There is certainly some little danger that the Japanese may, in the rapid increase of knowledge, lose faith in all religion and sink into the cold shades of infidelity. It is, however, necessary for Christian missionaries to exert themselves if it is now in Japan. The people of that country have to a large extent cast off the faith of their fathers, and are about to strike out on a sea of doubt and speculation. Cannot the pioneers of Christianity step in at this important juncture, and demonstrate how wide the truths—how comprehensive its teaching and applicability to the needs of every human being—of the religion of the Cross. Can they not show, in living language, that through science and knowledge the material foes of ignorance and superstition, they are the handmaids of Christianity?

We have received a catalogue of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs Collection at the United States International Exhibition, Philadelphia. This volume, which is published by order of the Inspector-General of Customs, is quite a bulky one, and from a glance at its contents, it is evident that the Chinese collection has been a work of considerable labour, and is so comprehensive that it cannot fail to give an excellent idea of the resources and productions of the Empire. It is divided, very appropriately, into six departments, those of mining and metallurgy, manufactures, education and science, art, machinery, and agriculture. The metals and minerals make a fair show, and include specimens of coal from Hunan, Shantung, and North Formosa, pig iron from Fokien, steel from Hunan, tin-ore from Fokien, copper ore from Szechuan, sulphur from Formosa, gold-ore from Manchuria and Fokien, and silver-ore from Chihliang. Coal is, of course, the most widely distributed and important of Chinese mineral productions. Both anthracite and bituminous coal are found in great quantities all over the North of China; the extent of these deposits is reported, indeed, to be some 87,000 square miles. Hitherto, as all who have the least acquaintance with China know, it has not proved a source of wealth, owing to its not having been worked with proper appliances. Much the same may be said of iron. It abounds in Shansi, Szechuan, Hunan, Shantung, and elsewhere, but on account of the present imperfect means of communication and of transportation, together with the inferior system of manufacture followed by the Chinese, foreign iron has had down at the ports at least cost than the native article. The manufactures occupy no less than eighty-four pages of the book. A great deal of space is taken up by porcelain, a manufacture in which the Chinese have always held a high position. "Toilet of specimens is professed by a short account of this important industry, from which we extract the following information: The chief seat of the manufacture is at the Imperial pottery at King-tai-chia, in the province of Kiangsi, from whence it is sent to all parts of the Empire and largely exported to foreign countries. A special kind of ware, ornamented with the fire-clay dragon, is made there for use in the Imperial household, and sent annually in tribute to Peking. Large manufactures also exist at Tung-shan-liao and Chung-chow-fa, but the article produced is inferior to that of King-tai. This ware, especially the coarser quality, forms one of the principal exports of Amoy, and finds its way to Saigon, Siam, the Philippines, and other places. About forty thousand pieces of chinaware and pottery is likewise annually produced at Knapin, in the Tzu-chi district, at Peking, in the Kichyang district, Kwangtung. A small quantity of chinaware of the coarser kind is made in the vicinity of Canton for export to India and Europe. The fine porcelain exported from Canton is made at King-tai-chia, and only sent to Canton to be painted. Subjoined is a brief description of the mode of manufacture—which is certainly primitive enough—of the coarse china, ware and pottery. The clay, after being kneaded and worked into paste, is formed by hand into the required shapes, which are then placed in ovens with some straw and chaff. The ovens are filled through small holes in the top and the fire is kept up for twenty-four hours only. Pottery is the article in its rough brown state, whilst chinaware is glazed and painted with red earth, the colour being mixed with alum-water to prevent their changing during the burning process. The furniture of which there is a good selection, comes chiefly from Canton and Ningpo, both of which cities are famous for the manufacture. A few articles are contributed from Shanghai, Szechuan, Kiangsu, and other places. Matting, which is a considerable article of export, is well represented. The chief seat of this industry is the province of Kwangtung, but specimens of grass-matting from Formosa, Szechuan, Kiangsu, and elsewhere, also find a place in the catalogue. Cotton yarn, prints, and other fabrics come next. They are chiefly manufactured in Kwangtung, Fokien, Chekiang, and Kansu, though not confined to these provinces. What few woollen goods are made are produced in Manchuria and the northern provinces. As may be expected, the silk manufacture occupies a prominent position in the exhibition. This industry can be traced to a remote antiquity. We have no space to notice it at length, but the exhibits will certainly tend to increase the respect for foreigners for the manufacturing industries of China. The collections of clothing, jewellery, and ornaments, with fine inlaid variety, artificial flowers, curios, and other must form a very attractive exhibition. To students of Chinese history and manners the historical collections of national costumes will prove both interesting and instructive. Specimens of every kind of paper, and the stationery in common use in the Empire, are also shown. A vast variety of other articles follows, which it would be impossible to describe or enumerate with any degree of brevity. A catalogue of the publications of Protestant missionaries in China, which is in itself interesting. A good map embellishes this handy volume and will prove a great reference. Altogether it is apparent that the Customs Commissioners have done their work thoroughly, and that the products of China are well represented in the Philadelphia Palace of Industry.

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